

REMARKS

Claims 62-70, 82-92, 137-145, 147-150, 157-198 and 200-205 currently stand allowed. In addition, the Examiner has rejected claims 71, 81, 133-135 and 199 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and/or 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph due to a lack of a recitation of computer hardware in the body of the claims, rejected claims 76-81, 93-121, 123-125, 127-136, 151-156 and 206-207 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by John Bates, et al., "Middleware Support for Mobile Multimedia Applications" (1997), and rejected claims 122, 126 and 146 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bates in view of Schmidt, et al., "There is more to context than location" (November 1998).

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the pending claims. While Applicants disagree that any of the pending claims are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 101 or 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph, or are unpatentable over the cited prior art, Applicants have nonetheless amended the claims in order to expedite prosecution of this application, such that all of the claims are in a form believed to have been indicated by the Examiner to be allowable.

In particular, each of the pending non-allowed independent claims 71 and 199 has been amended to include a recitation of computer hardware, and claims 76-81, 93-136, 151-156 and 206-207 have been canceled. Applicants have also amended claims 139 and 146 to correct minor typographical errors, and have added new claims 208-293 that depend from or are similar to other pending claims indicated to be allowable, as noted below, and thus all of the pending claims 62-71, 82-92, 137-150, 157-205, and 208-293 are believed to be in allowable form.

In particular, new dependent claims 208-246 each depends from one of independent claims 70, 71, 137, 200 and 203, and thus are each believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend. New independent computer-readable medium and computing device claims 247 and 261 each recites language similar to that of method claim 137, and thus are each believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 137, as are the claims that depend from claims 247 and 261. Similarly, new independent computer-readable medium and computing device claims 269 and 278 each recites language similar to that of

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method claim 200, and new independent computer-readable medium and computing device claims 282 and 288 each recites language similar to that of method claim 203 – thus, claims 269, 278, 282 and 288 are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 200 or 203, as are the claims that depend from claims 269, 278, 282 and 288.

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable and request the Examiner to timely allow all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 622-4900.

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